Summary of MODIS Status and Activities through mid-December 2005

Instrument Status

The Terra and Aqua MODIS instruments continue to operate nominally overall from the science perspective. The Terra Solid State Recorder (SSR) Printed Wire Assembly issue is still being studied and arguments collected to advocate recycling the SSR and arguing against going to a 60% night/40% day collection procedure, as opposed to the present 50/50 % process now. When those updated arguments will go forward to NASA Headquarters is tbd.

Data Processing Status (as of December 12, 2005)

The Goddard DAAC continues to perform successfully in producing and delivering Level 0 and 1 products. The GSFC DAAC processing continues to consistently stay 1 day or less behind the "leading edge" in processing MODIS data. Overall, considering forward processing and reprocessing (i.e., all data processing streams) of Terra and Aqua MODIS data, the Goddard DAAC is now operating at over 6X rates. The delivery of MODIS data from the Goddard DAAC is pretty steady of late operating at near 2 Terrabytes per day and over 27,000 granules per day.

The MODAPS Aqua and Terra forward processing is as close to real time as possible (1 day behind). MODAPS continues to distribute L0 data to the Ocean Color Data Processing system (OCDPS). The distribution of the Aqua data has been completed and distribution of the Terra data will start shortly. Approximately 110TB will be transferred and will take approximately 90 days (estimated completion 3/15/06).

The MODAPS processing of Terra Oceans SST has continued. A 1x Collection 5 forward processing stream has been maintained on the reprocessing machine and is 3 days behind real time. Reprocessing of the interval from Julian Day 001, 2001 through 282, 2002 has been completed. This completes the Terra Collection 5 SST reprocessing. Forward processing of Terra SST by MODAPS will continue until the OCDPS is ready to assume that activity.

"Collection 5" activities for the MODIS Atmospheres products are progressing. The L2/L3 products for July 2000 will be regenerated starting on 12/12/05 using the existing PGE 69,70, 57, and 83. The L2 products will be ingested into the Atmosphere Archive and Distribution System (AADS) [see more about AADS at: http://aadsweb.nascom.nasa.gov/] and the L3 products will be held on the mtvs2 production disk. The L2 PGEs will be subject to a final review by Michael King's team. Following this, the production of L2 products will continue with January 2001 followed by the interval starting at Terra first light. These products will be ingested into AADS. Following delivery of the L3 PGEs, the L3 products for July 2000 and January 2001 will be regenerated for final review by the Atmospheres Team. A go/no-go meeting is expected on 1/10/06. Atmospheres reprocessing is expected to be completed on 8/29/06.

"Collection 5" activities for the MODIS Land products are also progressing. With the current test plan, Terra reprocessing will start not earlier than (NET) 4/27/06 and combined Terra/Aqua reprocessing will start NET 12/23/06. Completion of Land Collection 5 is now expected to be January 2008. The test plan will be reviewed by Chris Justice in December in order to determine if an earlier Terra reprocessing start date can be achieved.

Science/Applications-related Publications involving MODIS

As of December 16, the "ISI Web of Science" shows a total of 963 refereed publications involving MODIS in one way or another. That contrasts with the 888 publications reported at the middle of October or a growth of 75 publications in two months. The total for 2005 is 309 so far as contrasted against 181 in 2004 and 136 in 2003 so the growth in refereed publications using MODIS is impressive and 2005 isn't finished yet! A list of most of the new publications is shown below.

In The "ISI Proceedings" count shows a total of 799 conference /symposium, etc., publications involving MODIS of which 234 have occurred in 2005. Calendar year 2004 had 135 publications and calendar year 2003 had 74 publications.

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